

Correspondence Department.

Prospect Lake.

O. Lamphear is home from Ann Arbor, spending the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton Greenman are home from Ann Arbor for the holidays.

Messrs. J. R. H. J. and Will Nower ate Christmas turkey at Levi Stoker's in Lawton.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Finley of Hartford and Mrs. Emma Young and daughter of Lawrence spent Christmas at L. F. Munsell's.

Jos. Brown and family attended the Christmas reunion of McGowan and Brown families at George McGowan's in west Lawrence.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Palmer of Gobleville spent two days of last week at their daughter's, Mrs. A. E. Jabobs, returning Saturday.

Attorney Chase of Grand Rapids spent Christmas at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Chase, and left on Monday for Traverse City.

Mrs. H. A. Carris and Mrs. Leora Drew and son of Lawrence, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Halbert were entertained at F. A. Chase's, Christmas day.

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Covert.

A. S. Packard and wife are in Chicago.

Miss Lottie Waters is here from Chicago.

Miss Emma Lang is at home for the vacation.

Mrs. Frary and Florence are visiting friends in Mason.

Prof. Wakeman and wife spent the holidays in Lawrence.

Miss Elma Shattuck of South Haven spent Sunday in Covert.

George Monroe and family spent Christmas at South Haven.

Earl Walters returned from Chicago, Saturday, bringing with him a fair bride.

The social under the auspices of the Y.P.S.C.E., last Friday evening, was very enjoyable.

Miss Mable Shaw and Miss Jennie Randall are having a rest from their work in Kalamazoo.

The Christmas exercises were excellent and the tree enjoyable at the church, last Thursday evening.

Rev. E. Bostwick preached to the children last Sunday morning. His theme was "The Christmas Star."

Members from the local C. E. society are in attendance at the meeting of the county union, held in Lawton.

A large attendance is desired and expected at the meeting of the pomological society on Wednesday. C. J. Monroe will give a report of the state meeting held recently in Grand Rapids.

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Antwerp.

A. C. Bates and family spent Christmas in Arlington.

Theodore and Gaar Johnston were callers here last week.

Rev. M. S. Waller is assisting Rev. I. P. Bates in a series of meetings at Oshetemo Center this week.

Improper and deficient care of the scalp will cause grayness of the hair and baldness. Escape both by using Hall's Hair Renewer.

South Bloomington.

Mrs. Net. Tedrow has gone to Kalamazoo to work the coming winter.

Miss Bertha Sill ate Christmas dinner with Mr. John Coy, at the home of the latter.

There has been considerable petty thieving going on in this neighborhood for some time.

Mr. Clark is moving onto the Leap Bushnell farm, lately purchased by Milan Wiggins.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Evans from Osego spent Christmas with Mrs. E. S. parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Coy.

Emma Austin expects to go to Bremen, Ind., where she will make her home with her brother and wife.

Herbert Austin and wife, who have been visiting parents and friends in this vicinity, have returned to their home at Bremen, Ind.

John Pelong has just returned from Ewart, Mich., where he has been visiting his brother, whom he had not seen for thirty years. His brother Alex. of Pine Grove accompanied him.

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Chas. B. Hood, broker and manufacturer's agent, Columbus, Ohio, certifies that Dr. King's New Discovery has no equal as a Cough remedy. J. D. Brown, proprietor St. James Hotel, Ft. Wayne, Ind., testifies that he was cured of a Cough of two years standing, caused by LaGrippe, by Dr. King's New Discovery. R. F. Merrill, Baldwinville, Mass., says that he has used and recommended it and never knew it to fail, and would rather have it than any doctor, because it always cures. Mrs. Hemming, 222 E. 25th street, Chicago, always keeps it at hand and has no fear of Croup, because it instantly relieves. Free trial bottles at Longwell Bro's drug store.

Corwin.

Fred Corwin has rented the farm of M. H. Rowe.

Miss Bertha Wassman went to Niles to spend Christmas.

Miss Verne Harris' school has closed for a vacation of one week.

A. A. Olds and wife of Keeler are in the neighborhood for a few days.

Mr. Hawn and family went to Allegan county to spend Christmas with his wife's parents.

All of Mr. S. Zimmerman's children and their families were entertained at the old home on Christmas.

Uncle Charles Jabobs of Prospect Lake was entertained over Christmas at the home of his niece, Mrs. Roll Harris.

Lawrence.

We are having some elegant skating on the pond.

Miss Alice Rowland is at home for the holidays.

Letha Stephenson is spending a few days in Kalamazoo.

O. E. Holmes and wife are making old friends a visit here.

Misses Rosetta and Lizzie Howes spent Christmas in town.

Kris Kringle brought an infant son to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Butcher.

Little Hazel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Phillips, is quite ill.

Prof. Loree and wife have gone to Tecumseh to spend their vacation.

Misses Bradfield and Clarke have gone to Spring Arbor to spend a few days.

Oscar Bryan of Kalamazoo is spending a few days with friends in this place.

The M. W. A. will hold a public installation of officers Jan. 6. A short literary program will be given.

The leap year ball given by the young ladies of Lawrence at the opera house, last Wednesday evening, was a decided success.

Hattie Sanborn, who has been ill with pneumonia for eight weeks, is now slowly recovering, to the delight of her many friends.

Mrs. Witter, who has been teaching at Hagar, and Frank, who has been attending school at Ann Arbor, are at home for the holidays.

The Christmas entertainments were well attended. Old Santa himself was at the Methodist church and behaved admirably, greatly amusing the small children, and some of the older ones, too.

Poisons engendered by food fermenting in a dyspeptic stomach are the direct cause of rheumatism, gout, bronchitis, asthma and pneumonia.

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Decatur.

Miss Sara Huyek of Cassopolis is at home for the holidays.

Miss Maud Place is visiting Miss Elsie Biekhart at Holland.

Little George of Dowagiac is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Beach.

Mr. Harry Van Anken of Cleveland was the guest of Miss Pearl Van Hise over Sunday.

Miss Pearl Van Hise of Cleveland, O., and Miss Bessie of Cassopolis are home for the holidays.

The election of officers of the L. O. T. M. occurred at the regular meeting Monday evening. Mrs. E. Potts was re-elected lady commander.

Mrs. Olive Jennings, formerly of Decatur, died last Saturday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. L. J. Sherrod, in Bangor. The funeral was conducted by Rev. J. H. Reese, Monday, interment at Prospect Lake.

Bloomington.

Christmas was observed by the Sunday schools of this village.

A series of meetings commenced Sunday at the Disciple church under the charge of Pastor Egbert, assisted by Rev. Chapple of Bangor. They will continue as long as thought best.

At the Masonic banquet in Fox Bros' hall last Tuesday evening the occasion was one of more than usual interest, visitors from Gobleville with the glee club of that place, adding greatly to the pleasure of the occasion.

Bloomington lodge No. 221, F. & A. M., elected the following officers at its last meeting: W. M., Philemon Bush; S. W., Wm. E. Scott; J. W., Robt. Vickers; Treas., Jas. Coy; Sec., L. H. Fancher; S. D., John Coy Jr.; J. D., David G. Robinson; Tyler, Erastus Cone; Stewards; Wm. Johnson, Ed. Fritz.

The L. O. T. M. elected the following officers at their last regular review: Lady Com., Mrs. Jennie Scofield; Lieut. Com., Mrs. Alice Haven; R. K., Mrs. Rhoda Hopkins; F. K., Miss Cynthia Vaughn; Chaplain, Miss M. Ferguson; Sec'y, Mrs. Carrie Howard; M. at A., Lillie Fields; Sentinel, Mrs. Ida Palmer; Picket, Miss Hattie Van Kirk.

In cases of burns scalds, sprains or any of the other accidental pains likely to come to the human body, Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil gives almost instant relief.

Gobleville.

C. L. Herron of Chicago is home for the holidays.

Mrs. N. Ferguson has been visiting friends in Albion.

W. D. Smith and family of Galesburg spent Christmas in town.

Miss Cora Slack of Kalamazoo is visiting Gobleville friends.

A. B. Chase visited his parents in South Haven over Christmas.

Miss Lizzie Henley, who is teaching school in Alma, is at home.

W. D. Dunn of Kalamazoo was calling on friends here Christmas.

Frank Friedman of Kalamazoo is here visiting his uncle, Saul Frank.

Eddie and Emory Howard have been visiting their sister in Holland.

Miss Lizzie Sweet was home from Kalamazoo for a few days' visit.

Miss Nettie Sherwood was home from Kalamazoo for Christmas.

Henry Sage and family of Kalamazoo visited his parents over Christmas.

Miss Minnie Blyth of Kalamazoo is spending the holidays with her parents here.

Mrs. John Bowles and son Fred have been visiting Mrs. M. Thayer in Battle Creek.

The band boys are rehearsing for a play which they expect to present in the near future.

The K. of P's will hold a New Year's dinner in their hall to which all members of the order are cordially invited.

Saul Frank has bought an addition to his Pine Grove farm and we shall expect soon he will become a full fledged farmer.

Old Mrs. Beardslee died at the home of her daughter north of the village, Thursday evening. The funeral was held at the Baptist church Saturday.

L. E. Herron has moved back to Kalamazoo, where he has been promised work in his old position with the Model Casket Co., after being laid off several months. So much for the returning prosperity.

Geo. Young and family of Osego, J. D. Holmes and family of Paw Paw and Noble Whalen and family of Bloomingdale helped devour turkey at G. W. Bush's on Christmas. A tree was had in the evening for the little folks and a very nice time was enjoyed by all.

Calendars and Coupons.

So many beautiful calendars and entertaining novelties have been issued by the proprietors of Hood's Sarsaparilla, that we are hardly surprised to receive this season not only one of the very prettiest designs in calendars, but with it coupons which entitle the recipient to attractive novelties. Every one who gets a Hood's Sarsaparilla calendar for 1897 secures something that will prove interesting and valuable as well as a beautiful specimen of the lithographer's art. The calendar is accompanied this season by an amusing little book on "The Weather." Ask your druggists for Hood's Coupon Calendar, or send 6 cents in stamps for one to C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

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The constant habit of the bicycle dissipates the mind just as a constant immersion in society does, and for the same reason it renders reflection less frequent and less enjoyable. Why think when you can reach a pleasant circle five miles off in half an hour and with no perceptible fatigue? Let those who doubt that this effect will be produced in the country note the curious increase the cycle is causing in the habit of meeting at lunch and indeed in the substitution of lunch for dinner. You cannot bicycle back on a dark night with your wife or sister in full dress, but you can lunch at 2 o'clock and cycle back in the cool of the evening with great enjoyment and no danger.

Cycling, in fact, will increase the scattering and moving of country society, to the increase of its pleasures and the loss of much of its steadfastness and quiet. The ancient "rootedness" of the countryside will be greatly diminished, and we are old fashioned enough to believe that in that quality was much not only of charm but of utility.—London Spectator.

Ear Boring and Tattooing.

In Burma there are two ceremonies which mark the important passage of the borderland between childhood and womanhood or manhood. In girls it is the boring of the ears and in boys the tattooing of the legs above the knees. To the ceremony of the boring of the ears friends and relatives are invited and it is made the occasion of a house festival. With the prick of the needle the little maid of 14 is promoted to the privilege of flirting and lovelornness begins. A succession of straws is gradually inserted into the hole bored till it is large enough to admit the tip of the finger or even larger. In these ugly holes glass, silver, gold or jeweled tubes or short rods are worn. In the ears of the women of the Kachin hills I have seen rods of silver worn six inches long and an inch in diameter. It is not unusual to see a woman when traveling place her eardrum or eardrum stick into the gaping hole in the lobe of the ear.

Every Burmese man is tattooed from the waist to just below the knee. The colors are indigo blue and dark red, and the subjects lions, tigers, etc. The operation is very painful, so that these ornamental skin breeches are tattooed gradually, the boy being at the time placed under the influence of opium. A Burman would consider it to be a sign of unmanliness not to have his legs tattooed.—Longman's Magazine.

The Uses of Weeds.

It is hard to find anything in the world that has not a dark as well as a bright side and that has not a bright spot, no matter how dark the outline may be. Professor L. H. Bailey has a good word for the vilest weed. He says the truth is that weeds always have been and still are the closest friends and helpmates of the farmer. It was they which first taught the lesson of tillage of the soil, and it is they which never allow the lesson, now that it has been partly learned, to be forgotten. The one only and sovereign remedy for them is the very tillage which they have introduced. When their mission is finally matured, therefore, they will disappear because there will be no place in which they can grow. It would be a great calamity if they were now to disappear from the earth, for the greater number of farmers still need the discipline which they enforce. Probably not one farmer in ten would till his lands well if it were not for these pest-taking schoolmasters, and many of them would not till at all. Until farmers till for tillage's sake and not to kill the weeds it is necessary that the weeds shall exist, but when farmers do till for tillage's sake then weeds will disappear with no effort of ours.—Practical Farmer.

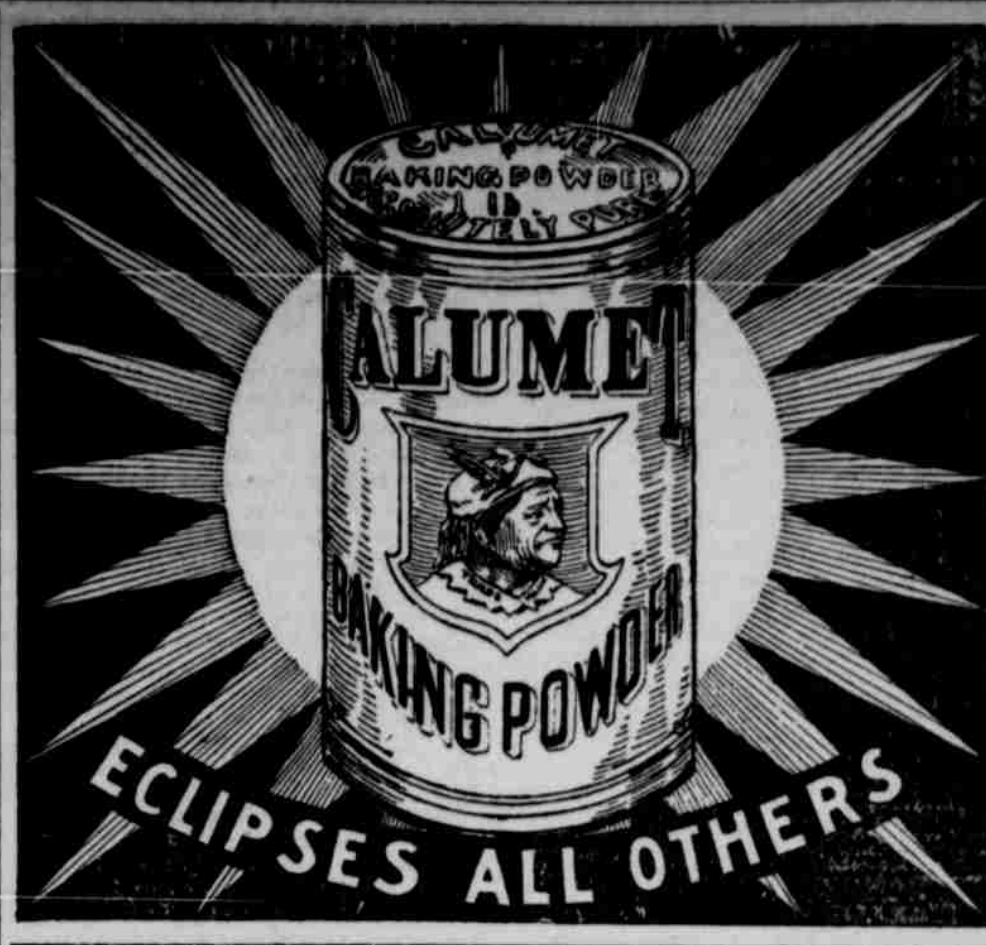
A Decoration Moltke Had Not.

Once Moltke undertook an official journey to the court of one of the smaller German states. His reception there was most hearty and cordial, and it was in high delight that the general took leave of his princely entertainers after dinner. As he went down the staircase he suddenly paused and said to one of his aids-de-camp: "Really, how very forgetful I am! I ought to have worn the prince's order today." To which the officer addressed replied, "I should have taken the liberty of drawing your excellency's attention to the fact, but it has not yet been conferred on you, and so you are not entitled to wear it." Thereupon Moltke looked at him gratefully, and said highly pleased: "Really, really! I am glad to hear you say so. I was afraid I had been guilty of an impoliteness."—Forum.

The Growth of New Toes.

A French biologist, Dr. Gland, has experimentally produced extra toes on a Spanish salamander by placing it in a glass globe half filled with water. "In attempts to keep the head above water the toes are gradually worn away. If now aquatic plants are placed in the globe upon which the feet can rest so that effort is no longer required and an abundance of food is given the toes regenerate with surprising rapidity and degree. In one case where there were previously but four toes on the front feet six developed and one of the hind toes became bifid."—Medical Review.

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